

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 3 through March 8, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Also, at 5:30 p.m., Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's initiatives regarding the school breakfast and lunch programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD-138.

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March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation Hearing, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for operations intelligence, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation energy and water development programs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 4, to hold closed briefings on current military operations, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 5, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine implementation of enhanced 911 (E-911) services for wireless phones, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission's Spectrum Policy Task Force Report and major spectrum issues facing policymakers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 4, to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on financial conditions of the electricity market, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 4, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 328, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the States of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", S. 347, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica

Mountains National Recreation Area, and S. 425, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on energy use in the transportation sector, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 6, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 212, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer, and S. 220 and H.R. 397, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: March 5, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Trade Agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 4, to hold hearings to examine a new way to aid the Millennium Challenge Account, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 5, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation concerning HIV-AIDS, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Tax Convention with the United Kingdom and Protocols amending Tax Conventions with Australia and Mexico, 3 p.m., SD-419.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine an agreed framework for dialogue with North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 6, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the status of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's workforce and consider proposed personnel flexibilities to assist the agency in achieving its mission, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 6, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's approach to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 5, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004 for Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the war against terrorism, focusing protecting America, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the asbestos litigation crisis, 2 p.m., SH-216.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ethical regenerative medicine research and human reproductive cloning, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bruce E. Kasold, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and John W. Nicholson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, 2:30 a.m., SR-418.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 4, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on Commissioner of Social Security Administration, 10:15 a.m., and on Inspector General of Social Security Administration, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Interior, on Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force Construction, 10 a.m., and on Quality of Life, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., and on Attorney General, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Interior, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on Secretary of Education, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m., and on Federal Citizen Information Center, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 4, hearing on U.S.-Russian Cooperative Threat Reduction and Non-Proliferation Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 6, hearing on Members Day, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 4, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "Improving Adult Education for the 21st Century," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 5, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 444, Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003; and H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on "Head Start: Improving Results for Children," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "A Review of FASB Actions Post-Enron and WorldCom," 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Comprehensive National Energy Policy," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "The Effectiveness of Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Programs," 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 4, hearing on H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 5, hearing on housing related agency budgets for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 758 and H.R. 859, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 3, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on "Combating Terrorism: A Proliferation of Strategies," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Federal E-Government Initiatives: Are We Headed in the Right Direction?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources hearing on "ONDCP Reauthorization and the National Drug Control Strategy for 2003," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 6, full Committee, hearing entitled "Reorganization to Recruitment: Bringing the Federal Government into the 21st Century," 10 a.m., and to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, March 5, oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, March 6, hearing on The Millennium Challenge Account, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 4, hearing on H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Need for Bankruptcy Reform legislation, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 22, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, 12 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Copyright Piracy Prevention and the Broadcast Flag," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 5, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 793, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant easements and rights-of-way on the Outer Continental Shelf for activities otherwise authorized by that Act; and H.R. 794, Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 273, Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003; H.R. 274, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 289, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex Expansion and Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; and H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, March 5, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on The Path to a Hydrogen Economy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on A Review of Aeronautics R&D at FAA and NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 5, hearing entitled "Small Business Access and Alternatives to Health Care," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 4, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Transportation Research, Development and Education Programs, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Independent Peer Review of Products that Support Agency Decision-Making, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aviation Programs: Airports, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Rail Infrastructure Policies and Reauthorization of Highways, Transit and Surface Transportation Programs, 1:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 4, 5, and 6, hearings on the Administration's Economic Growth Proposals, 2 p.m., on March 4 and 5 and 10 a.m., on March 6, 1100 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's (MedPAC) recommendations on Medicare payment policies, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, March 4, to meet for organizational purposes, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: March 6, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.